City of Milpitas Facilities Naming Subcommittee City Hall Committee Conference Room

Meeting Notes Friday, December 16, 2005 UNAPPROVED

I. Flag Salute Councilmember Robert Livengood led the Subcommittee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Call to Order Meeting called to order at 5:30 p.m.

Attendance: City Council: Vice Mayor Armando Gomez

Councilmember Bob Livengood

Staff: Mark Rogge; Tom Williams, Linda Sinclair

Others Present: Herb Holloway

III. Citizens Forum: No Comments

IV. Announcement: None

V. Approval of Agenda: Committee approved the agenda.

VI. Items of Discussion:

A. Old Business

1. Discuss event to celebrate renaming current Senior Center to "Milpitas Barbara Lee Center"

Direction from August 16th City Council Meeting

- Direction from the August 16th City Council Meeting was to bring about recommendation to celebrate naming the Milpitas Senior Center to honor former City Councilmember Barbara Lee.
- Mark Rogge presented the committee with a several names:
 - -Milpitas Barbara Lee Center
 - -Milpitas Barbara Lee Lifetime Activities Center
 - -Milpitas Barbara Lee Senior Center

Councilmember Livengood felt that we do not need the worked 'Milpitas' on the sign since the City logo already has the word Milpitas.

- Councilmember Livengood recommendation is to bring it back to the City Council
 for recommendation. "I like name, 'Barbara Lee Lifetime Activities Center' and
 'Barbara Lee Senior Center'. The first one (Barbara Lee Center) is too general."
- Councilmember Livengood requested that the Recreation Manager, Bonnie Greiner present the date and time of the event for renaming the Senior Center. An idea is to have the event on the day of the Senior Advisory Commission Meeting, at lunch time, since there will be a large gathering at the Senior Center. He requested that Ms. Greiner bring forth a recommendation to the Facilities Naming Subcommittee meeting in January 2006. The Subcommittee will then present this to the City Council meeting in February 2006.
- 2. Consider Recommendations from Library Subcommittee/Library Design Consultant.
 - -Name the new Library, "The Milpitas Public Library"
 - -Honor Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., by naming the 2nd Floor Reference Room after him.

- Staff recommended that the new library be name "Milpitas Public Library", the lettering will fit where the name "Milpitas Grammar School" used to be.
- The Subcommittee agreed with staff and recommended that the new library be name "Milpitas Public Library".
- Staff recommended that we honor Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., by naming the reference tower after him: Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Reference Tower or Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholastic Center.
- Councilmember Livengood expressed that he would like to see something
 thoughtful, significant be name after the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Maybe we
 can put something along the wall or the open window area. As long as it is not just
 something sitting on the shelf. Something to consider is material relating to Dr.
 King and maybe something for the younger kids as well. A computer with
 headphone so that the younger kids can get information about Dr. King is good.

Honor Cesar Chavez

- 1. Future staff negotiation with labor groups
- The consideration of a paid City Holiday to honor Cesar Chavez is being considered under the labor negotiation.
- 2. Discuss proposed educational activities on March 31
- Staff present three educational activities for the Committee to consider: Dedicate Milpitas Community Garden, Host an art invitational exhibit, and Essay contest with Milpitas schools.
- An essay contest will be interest for the kids. It will give them an opportunity to learn more about Cesar Chavez and the contest winner will award at the City Council meeting.
- Councilmember Livengood recommended item #1 (Dedicate Milpitas Community Garden) and #3 (Essay contest with Milpitas schools). Councilmember Gomez agrees with Councilmember Livengood. The information will be send to Recreation Manager, Bonnie Greiner for planning.

Honor Neil Mackenzie

- 1. Update from the Sunnyhills Neighborhood Association
- Staff has communicated with the Sunnyhills Neighborhood Association and they
 expressed that they would like the Hetch-Hetchy trail (from Washington Drive to
 Coelho Street) be name, 'Neil MacKenzie Trail'. The plaque could relate the
 following message: "We remember Neil as a community activist and president of
 the Sunnyhills Neighborhood Association. Neil promoted renovation of Augustine
 Park, music performances and celebrations, and the extension of this trail from the
 school to the park".
- 2. Update from Neil MacKenzie's family
- Neil MacKenzie's family would like to see the Hetch-Hetchy trail be name in honor of Neil MacKenzie.
- Staff's recommendation is to name Hetch-Hetchy trail, 'Neil MacKenzie Trail' The Committee stated that as long as the family gives their consist then it will be fine

B. New Business

Naming Policy for Streets and Parks

- The past practices for naming street and parks for the City of Milpitas are as Following:
 - a. Names recommended by Planning Commission, PRCRC, others
 - b. Names reviewed by Planning Commission, PRCRC, Police, Fire, County dispatch, and Post Office
 - c. Acceptable names list approved by Planning Commission.
 - d. Developer selects names from list.
 - e. Planning Commission and City Council approve names on maps.
- The Ordinance XI 7.01.8 Street Names states that all street names should be approved by the City Council and no duplication of street names shall be permitted. It is also stated in the Government Code, Section 34093 that the

City Clerk is to notify the County of new or changed street names. Councilmember Livengood stated that the property owners are only notify if there is a changed of street names.

- Staff presented the Committee a list of potential street names. Since
 September 1997, a couple of the names on the list have been used
 (Thompson, Alverez, Hobs, Machado, etc). Although the City has a policy
 for street naming, we need to revise the currently policy to bring it up date.
 Staff presented some policies that has been adopted by our neighboring
 cities:
 - City of San Jose, policy was adopted on November 23, 1993
 - Uses a nomination form and guidelines
 - Encourage naming that reflects City ethnic diversity
 - Encourage recognition of individuals who have made a significant contribution
 - Recognizing service to the community may not be as appropriate to name permanent facility, but rather activities, events, presentations, or plaques
 - Encourages recognition of distinct geographic, environmental, or developmental features or historical names for naming City parks.
 - Encourages donations for on-going maintenance of parks and facilities.
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 - City of Campbell
 - Names submitted to Civic Improvement Commission for review and recommendation, then to City Council
 - City Council may request Commission to submit standing list of potential street names
 - Community Development Director reviews and process all requests for private street names.
 - City of Lost Gates
 - Currently on City Council Agenda (back burner item)
 - Currently operates of a list established 25 years ago
 - City of Santa Clara
 - No written policy past practices
 - Submitted for review by Historical Committee, then to Streets Names Committee.
- The Committee requested that staff provide a draft policy for naming streets and parks. Councilmember Livengood does not feel that we need to wait a whole year to name street in honor of someone who have recently passed way.
- The Planning Director will bring back a draft policy in regards to naming streets and parks for the City.
- Councilmember Livengood request that Bonnie Greiner or one of her staff be present at the next Facility Naming Subcommittee.
- VII. Set Next Meeting Date: TBD
- Next meeting will be for January 2006.
- VIII. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.